THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1932.

AS REQUIRED BY OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, THE 81ST ANNUAL REPORT INDICATING SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR, AND OF THE CONDITION AND NEEDS OF THE ASSOCIATION, IS HEREBY SUBMITTED.

THE SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF OUR ORGANIZATION IN ITS BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS MAKES IT OBVIOUSLY QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO JUSTICE IN THIS REPORT TO THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF SERVICE RENDERED; AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BRANCH ANNUAL MEETINGS AND THE PUBLICITY GIVEN IN THE COLUMNS OF THE DAILY PRESS ARE INCREASINGLY NECESSARY TO A FULL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR WORK.

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A MOMENTOUS ONE. THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION WHICH HAS HELD THE WHOLE WORLD IN ITS GRIP, HAS DEEPLY AFFECTED OUR CITY AND THE WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A., AND WHILE IT HAS MADE SERIOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FOR US, IT HAS OPENED DOORS OF SERVICE IN A DEGREE UNPARALLELED IN OUR HISTORY, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE RECORD IS AN UNUSUALLY GOOD ONE. IF ONE WERE TO SUMMARIZE THE OUTSTANDING FEATURES, IT WOULD PERHAPS BE FAIR TO CITE; FIRST, THE OPENING OF THE NEW STANLEY STREET BUILDING AND THE EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE IN SERVICE AT THAT POINT; SECOND, THE PLACING AT THE SERVICE OF YOUNG MEN AND BOYS OUT OF WORK ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION; THIRD, THE SHARING IN THE WORLD ASSEMBLIES FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN AT TORONTO IN JULY, AND THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND IN AUGUST; AND FOURTH, THE UNCEASING EFFORT OF THE CONTROLLING GROUP TO DO A MUCH LARGER WORK WITH REDUCED REVENUES.

FOREIGN SERVICE:

THE PRESENT DAY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IS WITHOUT PARALLEL IN HISTORY. THE COMBINATION OF FORCES WHICH, SINCE THE CLOSE OF THE GREAT WAR, HAVE BEEN AT WORK UNDERMINING THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM REACHED A CLIMAX IN 1931, WITH A SUBSEQUENT WORLDWIDE UPHEAVAL AND DISTRESS. ONE HAS ONLY TO THINK OF WAR REPARATIONS AND DEBTS, THE ACCUMULATION OF THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF FREE GOLD AT TWO CENTRES, THE EFFORT TO RAISE TARIFF WALLS IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY, THE GRAVE AND OMINOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN MANCHURIA AND SHANGHAI, TO REALIZE HOW SERIOUS ARE OUR WORLD PROBLEMS. WE MUST CONSTANTLY REMIND OURSELVES THAT ANY SOLUTION OF THESE GREAT QUESTIONS CAN ONLY REST ON A MORAL FOUNDATION AND NOT ON ONE OF FORCE. IF THIS FAILS, OUR PLIGHT WILL INDEED BE A SERIOUS ONE.

SO FAR FROM BEING DISCOURAGED, THE Y.M.C.A. MUST FIND IN THESE HAPPENINGS A NEW CHALLENGE AND A NEW STIMULUS TO CARRY ON ITS WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM, LOOKING TO

THE TIME WHEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND CO-OPERATION MAY PREVAIL IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. MANY THINGS ARE HAPPENING THESE DAYS WHICH GIVE US COURAGE. MEN OF AFFAIRS, DRAWN FROM MANY LANDS, IN MANY CONFERENCES, HAVE DEALT FRANKLY AND WISELY WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND HAVE CLEARLY STATED THE ESSENTIAL FACTS REGARDING THEM. INCREASINGLY, TOO, PUBLIC OPINION IS HELPING TO INFLUENCE THE WORLD SITUATION AND TO CREATE THAT ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL TRUST IN WHICH GOODWILL THRIVES.

THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION HAS CONTINUED TO PLAY A WORTHY PART IN THIS FIELD. OUR CITY WAS ONE OF FOUR OR FIVE PORTS OF ENTRY USED BY MANY DELEGATES TO THE WORLD'S BOYS' AND YOUNG MEN'S ASSEMBLIES AT TORONTO IN JULY, AND THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE AT CLEVELAND IN AUGUST. ADDRESSES BY DR. T.Z. KOO OF CHINA, AND DR. JOHN R. MOTT, IN ADVANCE OF THESE MEETINGS, WERE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN INTERPRETING THEIR WORLD CHARACTER AND SIGNIFICANCE. THEN, TOO, THE CONTACTS WITH OVERSEAS DELEGATES PASSING THROUGH OUR CITY, AND THE ATTENDANCE OF THIRTY-FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MONTREAL AND THEIR ADDRESSES UPON THEIR RETURN, MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATION OF OUR CONSTITUENCY ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

MR. G. ERNEST TRUEMAN DELIVERED SIXTY ADDRESSES DURING THE YEAR AND HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. MR. ROBERT O. BUELL, FELLOWSHIP SECRETARY FROM INDIA, ALSO MADE NUMEROUS ADDRESSES ON INDIA PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING IN SEPTEMBER. MR. T.D. SANTWAN, HIS SUCCESSOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ONE OF THE BRANCHES OF THE CALCUTTA ASSOCIATION, MADE A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF INDIA. THESE SECRETARIES HAVE LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION UPON OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AND HAVE WITHOUT DOUBT MADE FOR A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF OUR PROBLEMS OF EMPIRE.

FOLLOWING THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE, MR. W.B. CAPEK, FROM PRAGUE, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, SPENT THREE WEEKS AS OUR GUEST, OBSERVING THE WORK OF OUR BRANCHES, AND GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN OF THE SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY DR. JOHN A. MACKAY, FROM LATIN AMERICA; MR. WILBERT SMITH, OF INDIA AND EGYPT; DR. ERNEST F. JOHNSON, THE EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY, WHICH COMPLETED ITS WORK DURING THE YEAR AND PUBLISHED ITS REPORT IN THE BOOK ENTITLED, "INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF THE Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A."; AND MR. FRANCIS S. HARMON, THE NEW GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE RE-ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, WHO SUCCEEDED DR. JOHN R. MOTT ON JANUARY 1ST, 1932.

THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION HAS CONTINUED TO TAKE ITS SHARE IN THE COST OF MAINTAINING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED EMISSARIES OF GOOD WILL AT WORK IN THIRTY-ONE COUNTRIES. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY US LAST YEAR WAS $18,722.06, A DECREASE OF $2,998.05 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	1931	1930
METROPOLITAN	$ 15,298.00	16,557.00
CENTRAL	1,503.74	2,135.45
WESTMOUNT	1,002.30	1,514.72
NORTH.....	301.00	484.50
INTERNATIONAL.....	322.00	407.00
SOUTHWESTERN.....	70.85	216.62
POINT ST. CHARLES	67.00	130.00
MOUNT ROYAL AVE.....	85.50	100.50
CAMP OTOREKE.....	8.75	29.32
KAMP KANAWANA.....	62.92	145.00
	$ 18,722.06/	$ 21,720.11

/ (OF THIS AMOUNT $4,000.00 WAS PLEDGED IN 1931 BY THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY AND IS INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL. IT WAS NOT PAID, HOWEVER, UNTIL 1932, SO IN THE INTERESTS OF GOOD BOOKKEEPING IT IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE 1932 ACCOUNT.)

THE FOREIGN WORK SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR FROM ALL OF CANADA AMOUNTED TO $46,477.71, AS COMPARED WITH $64,500.00 FOR 1930. THE AMOUNT RAISED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES WAS ALSO SERIOUSLY BELOW THAT OF A YEAR AGO, AND THE YEAR CANNOT BE REGARDED FINANCIALLY AS OTHER THAN A DISASTROUS ONE. THE PRESENT DEFICIT ON OUR FOREIGN DEPARTMENT BUDGET HAS REQUIRED DRASTIC REDUCTIONS IN EXPENDITURE, INVOLVING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE RECALL OF FIFTY-ONE, OR SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF ALL THE SECRETARIES IN THE FOREIGN FIELD. WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE RETIREMENT FROM OUR FOREIGN WORK OF MR. JOHN H. GELDART, WHO FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAS GIVEN VALUED LEADERSHIP TO THE FOREIGN WORK IN CANADA. HIS WORK IS BEING ASSUMED BY THE REGULAR STAFF OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ASSISTED BY MR. VAN BOMMEL AND MR. TRUEMAN IN EASTERN CANADA, AND MR. DIXON AND MR. SNEYD IN WESTERN CANADA.

NATIONAL WORK:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE Y.M.C.A'S OF CANADA HELD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN MONTREAL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THE PROVINCES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALBERTA. THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN OUR CITY WITH A VIEW TO GIVING THE DELEGATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE WORK IN OUR SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH AND THE NEW ADDITION AND REMODELLED FACILITIES IN OUR DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING. ONE COULD NOT BUT FEEL THAT DR. E.M. BEST OF OUR OWN CITY, WHO LAST JULY ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, HAD TAKEN ON HIS WORK IN A VERY DIFFICULT PERIOD AND YET IT WAS A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THAT IN THESE TRYING TIMES OUR MOVEMENT HAD ONE OF HIS GENIUS AS ITS EXECUTIVE HEAD. TWO ASSOCIATIONS, E.G., SYDNEY AND GLACE BAY, N.S., WERE FORCED TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR, WHEREAS LETHBRIDGE, WHICH HAD NOT OPERATED IN OUR MOVEMENT FOR SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS, WAS RE-ORGANIZED. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HAS COME TO BE ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF CANADIAN ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE DISCUSSIONS AND INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESSES ARE ON A HIGH LEVEL AND MEAN MUCH TO OUR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MEETING WAS THE RECEPTION GIVEN IN THEIR OWN HOME BY MR. AND MRS. GERALD W. BIRKS.

SUMMARY OF EXPANSION CAMPAIGN:

IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO LAST NOVEMBER THAT THE FIRST DEFINITE STEP WAS TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OUR EXPANSION CAMPAIGN. ON THE OCCASION OF OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER IN 1926, THE NEED FOR THE CAMPAIGN, AS DISCLOSED BY OUR SURVEY, AND AN INITIAL GIFT OF $100,00.00 WAS ANNOUNCED. IN 1928 A FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR $1,500,000.00 WAS HELD, WHEN $1,300,00.00 WAS SECURED, OF WHICH $50,000.00 WAS CONDITIONAL ON THE FULL AMOUNT BEING RAISED. IN 1929 THE BALANCE OF THE MONEY WAS SUBSCRIBED, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH WAS COMMENCED. IN 1930, THE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED, AND FORMALLY OPENED IN FEBRUARY. PROPERTY IN NOTRE DAME DE GRACE WAS BOUGHT AND DEVELOPED IN THE SAME PERIOD, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF A BRANCH IN THAT DISTRICT EFFECTED. IN 1930, ALSO, A CONTRACT WAS LET FOR THE STANLEY STREET ADDITION TO THE DRUMMOND STREET BUILDING. THIS WORK WAS COMPLETED, AND THE BUILDING OPENED IN APRIL 1931.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE CONSOLICATION OF OUR SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH, THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE, THE CENTRAL BRANCH AND THE RESIDENCE BUILDING, AND THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM IN NOTRE DAME DE GRACE WAS EFFECTED. THERE NOW REMAINS THE TASK OF SECURING PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING PLEDGES TO ENABLE US TO PROCEED WITH FULFILLMENT OF OUR PROMISES TO NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.

THIS FIVE-YEAR PERIOD HAS BEEN A MOST ADVENTUROUR ONE, AND HAS BROUGHT THE ASSOCIATION'S SERVICE TO A LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS THAT IS VERY ENCOURAGING. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE, HOWEVER, TO COMPLETE THE TASK WHICH WE SET OUT TO ACCOMPLISH, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ADVERSE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WE LABOUR. WE SHOULD REMIND OURSELVES THAT, WITH EVERY FIVE YEARS, A GENERATION OF BOYS, IN THE MOST FORMATIVE PERIOD OF THEIR LIVES, PASS BY AND ARE FOREVER GONE BEYOND THE INFLUENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION TO AFFECT THEIR LIVES FOR GOOD.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY:

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR $86,337.24 WAS PAID ON ACCOUNT OF PLEDGES TO OUR BUILDING FUND, LEAVING $166,502.52 IN PLEDGES AND $15,845.00 IN UNDERWRITINGS TO BE SECURED IN ORDER TO ERECT THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BUILDING AND THUS COMPLETE OUR BUILDING PROGRAM. ON JUNE 15TH, OUR MORTGAGE LOAN OF $54,000.00 WAS PAID OFF, AND A NEW LOAN OF $400,000.00 WAS PLACED UPON OUR DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING AT A FAVORABLE INTEREST RATE. WE ARE REQUIRED TO PAY $10,000.00 PER YEAR IN REDUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF PAYING UP TO $50,000.00 IN ANY YEAR IN THE EVENT OF OUR FORTUNATELY BEING IN RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM LEGACIES OR ANY OTHER SOURCES.

IN THE FIRST MONTH OF OUR FISCAL YEAR, AND CONCURRENTLY WITH THE OPENING OF OUR DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING, THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CANVASS WAS CONDUCTED UNDER THE GENERAL CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JAMES H. WEBB, WHEN 2,544 SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE SECURED TOTALLING $82,175.90. THIS WAS INCREASED LATER IN THE YEAR TO $88,648.70, OF WHICH $85,498.28 WAS ACTUALLY PAID IN CASH PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF OUR BOOKS ON MARCH 31ST. THE ABOVE RESULT REPRESENTS A DECREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF APPROXIMATELY $17,000.00, OR WHEN ONE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE SUPPLEMENTARY CANVASS HELD ONE YEAR AGO IN NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, THE REDUCTION WAS APPROXIMATELY $25,000.00. NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED CANVASSERS WERE ENROLLED, OF WHOM ABOUT TWO HUNDRED ATTENDED THE DAILY REPORT LUNCHEONS WHICH WERE HELD IN THE "Y" WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OPENING DINNER IN THE WINDSOR HOTEL, THE SERVICES OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICE BUREAU OF THE ASSOCIATION WERE DISPENSED WITH WITHOUT ANY APPARENT PREJUDICIAL EFFECT UPON THE CAMPAIGN.

IMMEDIATELY UPON THE CLOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN, YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE IMPORTANT OPERATING ECONOMIES AGGREGATING ABOUT $20,000.00 IN THE COURSE OF WHICH THEY WERE OBLIGED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT PAID TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL BY $1,500.00; DISCONTINUE WORK IN COTE ST.PAUL AREA; REDUCE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE STAFF AT SUMMER SCHOOLS, CONFERENCES, ETC. DISCONTINUE THE SERVICES OF TEMPORARY HELP, AND MAKE MANY SIMILAR RETRENCHMENTS. IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR, INCOME FRÓM OTHER SOURCES WAS NOT BEING MAINTAINED AT THE LEVEL OF OUR ESTIMATES AND A VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN SALARIES AND A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WAGES ON A SLIDING SCALE OF FROM 3% TO 10%, AGGREGATING ABOUT $9,000.00 PER ANNUM, WAS PUT INTO EFFECT DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. THIS RESULTED IN A SAVING OF $3,837.58 DURING THE CLOSING MONTHS OF OUR YEAR. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS, FURTHER CURTAILMENT OF EXPENDITURES WAS MADE, SOME OF WHICH WAS NOT FULLY REALIZED UNTIL OUR YEAR HAD ACTUALLY CLOSED. AMONG THESE ITEMS WHERE IMPORTANT SAVINGS IN OUR LEASES ON MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL BRANCH; THE SUSPENSION FOR THE PRESENT OF THE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY A FELLOWSHIP SECRETARY FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD IS A MEMBER OF OUR STAFF; THE TRANSFER OF ONE OF OUR STAFF TO A WESTERN ASSOCIATION; AND THE RETIREMENT OF THREESECRETARIES WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PENSIONS FROM THE Y.M.C.A. RETIREMENT FUND.

TWO OF OUR BRANCHES WERE ABLE TO BALANCE THEIR BUDGETS; ONE WAS ABLE TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT OF LAST YEAR BY NEARLY $2,000.00; WHILE FIVE INCREASED THEIR DEFICITS DURING THE YEAR.

THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD, AS REPORTED BY THE HONORARY TREASURER, SHOWS A TOTAL OPERATING INCOME OF $417,191.02 AND AN OPERATING EXPENDITURE OF $442,281.74, LEAVING A DEFICIT OF $25,090.72, OF WHICH AMOUNT $9,377.21 IS DUE TO LAST YEAR'S OPERATIONS. WHILE IT IS THE POLICY OF OUR METROPOLITAN BOARD TO BALANCE OUR BUDGETS, WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE YEAR WHICH AFFECTED SERIOUSLY OUR SUBSCRIPTION INCOME, OUR RESIDENCE ROOMS INCOME AND MEMBERSHIP INCOME, AND REALIZES THE VERY LARGE EXTRA PROGRAM LOAD WHICH THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO CARRY ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, THERE IS MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE GRATEFUL.

METROPOLITAN RESIDENCE BUILDING:

THE YEAR JUST CLOSED HAS PROVEN THE VALUE OF OUR NEW PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION WHEREBY THE DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING IS OPERATED BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD. THE STRIKING ADVANCE IN PROGRAM IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH, WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR, HAS BEEN

FACILITATED BY THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAS ENABLED THE STAFF, BOARD AND COMMITTEES OF BOTH THE CENTRAL BRANCH AND THE COLLEGE, TO CONCENTRATE ON PROGRAM WITHOUT DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DETAILED ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUILDING.

IT IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST THAT OF THE 601 ROOMS IN THE OLD AND NEW BUILDINGS, 422 WERE OCCUPIED ON FEBRUARY 6TH, THE LOWEST NUMBER BEING ON DECEMBER 24TH WHEN 272 MEN WERE IN RESIDENCE. SINCE THE OPENING OF OUR NEW FISCAL YEAR, THE NUMBER HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 476 ON MAY 3RD, OR 80% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE. IN ALL, 5,376 DIFFERENT MEN WERE IN RESIDENCE. TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE MEN WHO WERE OUT OF WORK OR IN SPECIAL NEED OF ASSISTANCE WERE GIVEN ACCOMMODATION AT VERY SPECIAL RATES IN NO CASE EXCEEDING SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE MINIMUM RATES.

SECRETARIAL STAFF:

DURING RHE PAST YEAR WE HAVE HAD THIRTY-EIGHT SECRETARIES ON OUR REGULAR STAFF AS COMPARED WITH THIRTY-THREE DURING THE TWO PRECEDING YEARS. THIS NUMBER WAS REDUCED BY THREE BY MARCH 31ST, ONE BY RESIGNATION, ONE BY TRANSFER, AND ONE BY RETIREMENT. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TIME, TWO OTHER SECRETARIES HAVE RETIRED, MAKING A REDUCTION OF FIVE IN ALL, NONE OF WHOM HAVE BEEN REPLACED. THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOW CARRYING ON WITH NO INCREASE IN THE STAFF OVER THE YEAR 1929 IS THE MORE REMARKABLE WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT THE ASSOCIATION IN THE LAST YEAR HAS ADDED ITS LARGE STANLEY STREET BUILDING TO ITS EXISTING EQUIPMENT AND HAS OPENED WHAT IS TANTAMOUNT TO A NEW BRANCH, FOR THE WHITE-COLLAR GROUP, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE SUN LIFE BUILDING, TO WHICH ONE SECRETARY, FOR THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS, HAS DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE TIME. THE TOTAL STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 31ST NUMBERED 163 EMPLOYEES AND 50 TEACHERS. THE LATTER GROUP WERE ALL ON PART TIME, AS WERE FOUR SECRETARIES.

THE NECESSITY FOR RIGID ECONOMY CONFINED THE ATTENDANCE OF OUR STAFF, AT TRAINING ENTERPRISES OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL, ALMOST ENTIRELY TO BOYS' AND YOUNG MEN'S ASSEMBLIES IN TORONTO AND THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT CLEVELAND. FOURTEEN OF OUR STAFF WERE PRESENT AT THESE NOTABLE GATHERINGS OF ASSOCIATION LEADERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND IN SOME CASES MADE SPECIALLY FINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEADERSHIP AND DISCUSSION.

IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF OUR MEN WHO AGAIN TOOK ACADEMIC WORK AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY, A STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE WAS CONDUCTED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. G. ERNEST TRUEMAN FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE WEEKS BEGINNING IN MARCH, THE PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING THEMSELVES WITH THE STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS OF INCOME PRODUCTION IN THE Y.M.C.A. IT WAS OUR FIRST TRAINING COURSE DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT AND PROVED TO HAVE REAL PRACTICAL VALUE. THE SYLLABUS WHICH WAS PREPARED IN CONNECTION THERETO IS OF PERMANENT VALUE TO THE ASSOCIATION.

STAFF CHANGES FOR THE YEAR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

C.J. MCGERRIGLE, B.A., B.D., WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE NORTH BRANCH AS BOYS' WORK SECRETARY, ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, UPON THE FINAL MERGING OF OUR WORK IN COTE ST. PAUL WITH THAT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH.

J.C. READY, B.P.E., RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, TO ACCEPT A POSITION AS PHYSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE QUEBEC ASSOCIATION.

LLOYD KEATING, B.P.E., WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH ON SEPTEMBER 23RD, AND RESIGNED MARCH 31ST, DUE TO THE NECESSITY FOR FINANCIAL RETRENCHMENT.

J.M. SAMSON, B.A.S., RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH IN ORDER TO TAKE A SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE LETHBRIDGE ASSOCIATION.

C.M. MCCULLY, B.A., WHO HAS BEEN ON OUR STAFF ON PART TIME FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BECAME ACTING SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF THE DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING UNIT, AND ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER, UPON GRADUATION FROM MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN JUNE.

B. STADIUS JOINED THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH AS PART TIME ASSISTANT IN THE BOYS' DIVISION ON OCTOBER 1ST, 1931.

FRANK SPENCE FORMALLY RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE ON MARCH 31ST AFTER BEING A SECRETARY ON THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH FOR OVER SIXTEEN YEARS. WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT MR. SPENCE IS CONTINUING TO RENDER VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE IN HIS FORMER CAPACITY.

J.W. HUTCHINSON JOINED THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH AS DESK SECRETARY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST.

C.L. ROBERTS ALSO BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH STAFF AS DESK SECRETARY ON SEPTEMBER 15TH.

IN A NUMBER OF RESPECTS THE OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENT IN OUR STAFF SITUATION FOR THE YEAR WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. G. ERNEST TRUEMAN, M.A., OF ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY, ON SEPTEMBER 1ST. MR. TRUEMAN WAS BORN IN STRATHROY, ONTARIO. HE IS A GRADUATE IN ARTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND AN M.A. OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. HIS FOREIGN SERVICE WITH THE Y.M.C.A. BEGAN IN JAPAN, 1907, AND CONTINUED UNTIL LAST YEAR WHEN HE RESIGNED HIS POSITION WITH THE FOREIGN SERVICE DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO COME TO MONTREAL. THE METROPOLITAN BOARD HAS, FOR MANY YEARS, FELT THE NEED OF INCREASING ITS STAFF IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE GREAT ADVANCES IN THE CITY-WIDE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION SINCE THE COMPLETION OF OUR SURVEY IN 1925, AND MR. TRUEMAN HAS PROVEN HIMSELF PECULIARLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE IMPORTANT DUTIES WHICH HE SO RECENTLY ASSUMED.

MR. ROBT. O. BUELL, FELLOWSHIP SECRETARY FROM COLOMBO, CEYLON, LEFT MONTREAL FOR HIS HOMELAND IN SEPTEMBER 1931, AFTER A YEAR'S STUDY AND WORK, AND HAS SINCE BEEN FORMALLY APPOINTED GENERAL SECRETARY

OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THAT CITY, WHERE, FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OUR OWN MURRAY G. BROOKS WAS IN CHARGE. MR. T.D. SANTWAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ONE OF THE BRANCHES IN CALCUTTA, SPENT SIX MONTHS ON OUR STAFF, SUCCEEDING MR. BUELL AS FELLOWSHIP SECRETARY, AND LEFT ON FEBRUARY 1ST TO ENTER SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE FROM WHICH INSTITUTION HE HOPES TO RECEIVE HIS B.A. DEGREE NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERSHIP:

THE PAID MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 31ST WAS 6,492 AS COMPARED WITH 6,479 AS YEAR AGO, AN INCREASE OF 13. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, FREE MEMBERSHIPS ISSUED TO 1,284 UNEMPLOYED BOYS AND YOUNG MEN, AND IF THIS LATTER GROUP BE COUNTED AS MEMBERS THERE IS AN INCREASE ON THE YEAR OF 1,297. A SERIES OF MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS WAS CARRIED ON BY OUR BRANCHES LAST OCTOBER, DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH NEARLY SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS WERE SECURED IN THE COMBINED EFFORT. THIS EFFORT PROBABLY SAVED THE ASSOCIATION FROM HAVING A DECREASE IN THE ENROLMENT OF ITS PAID UP MEMBERSHIP. THE FIGURES GIVEN, OF COURSE, DO NOT INCLUDE THE HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN AND BOYS WHO BECAME MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ONLY FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS OR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SHORT TERM MEMBERSHIP, NOR DO THEY INCLUDE THE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE OUR DIFFERENT BUILDINGS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES, NOR THE CONSTANT STREAM OF NEWCOMERS TO OUR CITY AND OTHERS WHO ARE SERVED BY THE ASSOCIATION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE FACT OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

	1931	1932
CENTRAL.....	2,877	3,076
WESTMOUNT.....	797	776
NORTH.....	604	551
INTERNATIONAL.....	284	231
POINT ST. CHARLES....	317	246
SOUTHWESTERN.....	876	823
MOUNT ROYAL.....	248	199
NOTRE DAME DE GRACE..	111	271
CIVIC MEMBERS.....	365	299
	6,479	6,472

THE RECEIPTS FROM MEMBERSHIP FEES IN ALL BRANCHES WERE $53,431.79 AS COMPARED WITH $51,162.01, AN INCREASE OF $2,269.78.

UNEMPLOYMENT:

ALMOST FROM ITS INCEPTION, THE Y.M.C.A. IN MONTREAL HAS TAKEN A DEEP AND HELPFUL INTEREST IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG MEN. HUNDREDS OF MEN IN THIS CITY BEAR TESTIMONY TO THE FACT THAT THE ASSOCIATION SECURED FOR THEM A POSITION UPON COMING TO MONTREAL. THE INTEREST OF THE "Y" HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY MUCH DEEPER THAN THAT OF HELPING TO SECURE A POSITION, AND INCLUDES ADVICE AND COUNSEL ON MANY SUBJECTS, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ENRICHMENT OF LIFE BY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM OF THE "Y".

AS THE PRESENT ECONOMIC DEPRESSION WIDENED, THE ASSOCIATION'S SERVICE TO THE UNEMPLOYED GROUP DEEPENED. A GREAT STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THIS MINISTRY BY

A SERIES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCES OF CANADIAN DELEGATES DURING INTERVALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LAST SUMMER AT CLEVELAND. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD MAKE A FORMAL OFFER OF ITS SERVICES TO THE PRIME MINISTER WITH THE CONVICTION THAT EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, BY A GREAT OUTPOURING OF UNSELFISHNESS, TO SEE THAT NO MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD SHOULD SUFFER FROM LACK OF FOOD, SHELTER OR CLOTHING, THERE WAS AN EQUAL DUTY UPON US ALL TO FULLY PROTECT THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, MORAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF THE NATION ON THE THEORY THAT "MAN CANNOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE". OUR PRESIDENT, WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, SUBSEQUENTLY PROCEEDED TO OTTAWA IN SEPTEMBER AND FORMALLY OFFERED THE RESOURCES OF THE Y.M.C.A'S IN CANADA IN HELPING SOLVE THE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THIS OFFER WAS ACCEPTED BY THE PREMIER AND COMMUNICATED BY HIM TO THE PROVINCIAL PREMIERS.

CONCURRENTLY WITH THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES FORMALLY REQUESTED THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM IN PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND, IF NECESSARY, RELIEF FOR THE OFFICE, CLERICAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS OF UNEMPLOYED, WHICH WORK THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY HAD CARRIED ON AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE FOR OVER ONE YEAR AND WERE NOW OBLIGED TO DISCONTINUE. THE ASSOCIATION PROMPTLY APPOINTED MR. W.J. HOLLIDAY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THIS WORK AND ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SPACE AND EQUIPMENT IN THEIR HEAD OFFICE BUILDING AS HEADQUARTERS. AS A RESULT, 1,660 MEN HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UP TO THE PRESENT. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DISBURSED TO DATE IN DIRECT RELIEF HAS TOTALLED $4,500.00.

UPON THE FORMATION OF THE MONTREAL BOYS' WORK COUNCIL LAST AUTUMN, THE ASSOCIATION WHOLEHEARTEDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE TASK OF REGISTERING AND SERVING SOME FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN HUNDRED UNEMPLOYED BOYS. IN THE MATTER OF ENLISTING AND TRAINING MEN OF THE RIGHT CALIBRE TO INTERVIEW THESE LADS, THE ASSOCIATION MADE A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION. OF SOME TWENTY-FOUR DISTRICTS IN THE CITY, THE Y.M.C.A. ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICE TO OVER ONE-HALF AND CO-OPERATED IN HOLDING RALLIES IN PRACTICALLY ALL OF THESE AREAS. FREE MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES IN ALL OF THE BRANCHES WERE GIVEN TO NEARLY 800 OF THESE BOYS.

THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE OF THE ASSOCIATION GAVE BURSARIES TO OVER TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS WHOSE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SUCH THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO BEAR EVEN A PART OF THE COST OF THE COURSE.

IN ITS RESIDENCE BUILDING ON STANLEY STREET, 275 MEN WHO WERE OUT OF WORK OR ON REDUCED SALARIES WERE GIVEN ROOMS AT TWO-THIRDS OF THE REGULAR RATE. THIS RATE INCLUDED FULL MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES IN THE ASSOCIATION.

AS A MATTER OF POLICY, EVERY BRANCH HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ANY YOUNG MAN OUT OF WORK TO CONTINUE THE PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP AND 1,284 HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

IN THE DAY RECREATION CENTRE ON VITRE STREET, TWO OF THE STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAILY PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN SPEAKING MEN, WHICH INCLUDED THE CONDUCTING OF CLASSES FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH.

AS A MEMBER OF THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES, THE Y.M.C.A. HAS SHARED WITH THE COUNCIL THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A NUMBER OF CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM WHICH WERE INAUGURATED FOR THE UNEMPLOYED. ONE OF THE SECRETARIES, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND RECREATION DIVISION OF THE COUNCIL, TOOK A PRIMARY PART IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DAY RECREATION CENTRE ON VITRE STREET, WHICH DURING THE YEAR SERVED 6,500 MEN. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE STAFF, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL' SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO THIS SUBJECT AND SECURED THE CO-OPERATION OF NINETEEN AGENCIES ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL PARTICIPATION OF UNEMPLOYED MEN WAS VERY SMALL INDEED. STILL ANOTHER WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE MONTREAL BOYS' WORK COUNCIL AND ASSUMED A LARGE SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SURVEY OF UNEMPLOYED BOYS MADE IN NOVEMBER, AND REFERRED TO ABOVE.

THE TERRIFIC HAZARD OF PHYSICAL, MORAL AND SPIRITUAL BREAKDOWN WHICH MEN ARE UNDER IN THESE TIMES IS PERHAPS EVEN GREATER THAN IN TIMES OF WAR. THE ASSOCIATION HAS FACED HUNDREDS OF MEN AND BOYS IN THE PAST YEAR WHO WERE SUBJECTED TO ALL THE PERILS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH DESPAIR. THE EMERGENCY OF THE WAR BROUGHT TO US A REALIZATION THAT OUR COUNTRY NEEDED TO BE SUSTAINED AND STRENGTHENED BY BRINGING TO BEAR ALL THE RESOURCES AND POWERS THAT COULD BE MUSTERED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE MORALE SO NECESSARY TO THE SUCCESSFUL CARRYING THROUGH OF NATIONAL SERVICE AT THAT TIME. IN THE PRESENT CRISIS, THE PART THAT THE Y.M.C.A. HAS BEEN ABLE TO PLAY MAY WELL BE REGARDED AS ONE OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT OUR EXPANSION PROGRAM HAD SO FAR ADVANCED AS TO ENABLE US TO DEVOTE SO MUCH TIME AND EQUIPMENT TO THIS NEED.

RELIGIOUS WORK

THE ASSOCIATION HAS CONTINED ITS POLICY OF EARNESTLY ENDEAVORING TO PLACE A CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS ON ALL OF ITS PROGRAM AND HAS HAD A FRUITFUL YEAR IN ITS SPECIFICALLY RELIGIOUS WORK. THE METHODS USED INCLUDED PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, DISCUSSION AND STUDY GROUPS; CONFERENCE AND FORUMS; FIRESIDE SING-SONGS; SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSICALES AND TEAS FOR YOUNG MEN LIVING AWAY FROM HOME; CAMPFIRE TALKS AND DEVOTIONS; RESIDENT MEMBERS' SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS; FOREIGN SERVICE MEETINGS; THE FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CLASS CONDUCTED IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH WHICH ENROLLED UP TO SEVENTY-FIVE MEN.

THE YOUNG MEN'S FORUM OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH, WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED ON FOR SEVEN YEARS, DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF TOPICS OF VITAL CONCERN TO THE YOUTH OF TO-DAY, RECEIVED DIRECT COMMENDATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN CLEVELAND, WHEN THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED:

"RESOLVED:

THAT THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA SHOULD REGARD AS ONE OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL PRIVILEGES AND FUNCTIONS, THE MAINTENANCE OF AN OPEN PLATFORM ON WHICH MAY BE DISCUSSED ALL QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE WORLD; THAT THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD DEVELOP AND ACTIVELY PROMOTE A PROGRAM OF SOCIAL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, WITH A VIEW TO HELPING TO EDUCATE PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONSTRUCTING OUR SOCIAL ORDER IN THE LIGHT OF, AND UPON THE BASIS OF, THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS."

THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR WAS BUILT AROUND THE GENERAL THEME, "MAN'S ADVENTURE WITH GOD."

MAN'S ADVENTURE WITH GOD.

1. THE CONTEMPORARY CRISIS IN THOUGHT AND ACTION.
   DR. E.E.JOHNSON, FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEW YORK.

   MAN'S ADVENTURE IN MAKING A NEW SOCIETY.

2.(A) SOCIALISM.
   PROF. F. CLARKE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

3.(B) COMMUNISM.
   PROF. JOHN LINE, VICTORIA COLLEGE, TORONTO.

4.(C) NATIONALISM.
   PROF. W.J. ROSE, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE,HANNOVER,N.H.

5.(D) INDIVIDUALISM.
   PROF. C.W. HENDEL, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

6. THE ADVENTURE OF JESUS:
   THE DISCOVERY OF THE ULTIMATE LOYALTY.
   PROF. PHILIP CARRINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF BISHOPS COLLEGE.

   THE CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE.

7.(A) DARE WE BE CHRISTIAN IN HOME AND SOCIETY?
   DR. ERNEST THOMAS, UNITED CHURCH, TORONTO.

8.(B) DARE WE BE CHRISTIAN IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONSHIPS?
   REV.DR.DOUGLAS HEMMEON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

9.(C) DARE WE BE CHRISTIAN IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS?
   PROF. N.A. MCKENZIE, TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

10.(D) CONSCIOUS FELLOWSHIP WITH A LIVING GOD IN HIS CREATIVE PURPOSE.
   PROF. H.H. FARMER, HARTFORD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

THE ATTENDANCE WAS LARGER THAN AT ANY OTHER FORUM HELD DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, PARTICULARLY AT THE MEETINGS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE SERIES.

THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH ALSO CONDUCTED A FORUM, THE GENERAL THEME BEING, "THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS." TWELVE MEETINGS IN ALL WERE HELD, THE SPEAKERS BEING AS FOLLOWS: A.C. CAMPBELL, HOWARD S. ROSS.,K.C., PROF. L.C. MARSH, PROF. EUGENE FORSEY, DR. FRANK G. PEDLEY, LOUIS KON, RABBI H.J.STERN, MISS AGNES MCPHAIL, M.P., ROBERT KEGO, J.S. WOODSWORTH, M.P., CANON A. GOWER-REES, AND THE BISHOP OF MONTREAL.

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE:

ELEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IN ATTENDANCE IN THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND DIVISIONS OF THE COLLEGE AS FOLLOWS:

EVENING COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE	166
EVENING HIGH SCHOOL	388
EVENING INSTITUTE OF BUSINESSAND TECHNOLOGY	284
EVENING GRAMMAR SCHOOL	81
DAY BUSINESS SCHOOL	79
SCHOOL OF FINE AND APPLIED ART(DAY & EVENING)	82
TOTAL	1,136

THIS REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 97 STUDENTS OR 8%, BUT ONLY A 2% DECREASE IN INCOME.

THE YOUNGEST STUDENT IN THECOLLEGE DURING THE PAST YEAR WAS EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, THE OLDEST FIFTY YEARS. BETWEEN THESE EXTREMES, ONE-QUARTER OF THE STUDENTS WERE OVER TWENTY-THREE YEARS, ONE-QUARTER WERE UNDER SEVENTEEN YEARS. THE MEDIUM AGE WAS 19.37 YEARS.

THE COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF THE STUDENTS REPRESENT THIRTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE MAJORITY WERE BORN IN CANADA, NEVERTHELESS ONE-QUARTER OF THE WHOLE STUDENT BODY WERE BORN IN OTHER LANDS. OF THE PARENTS OF THESE 1,136 STUDENTS, ONLY THIRTY PER CENT WERE BORN IN CANADA.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF STUDENTS: (SUMMARY)

BORN IN CANADA	75.6%
BORN IN BRITISH EMPIRE	90.5%
BORNN IN THE UNITED STATES	2.8%
BORN IN OTHER COUNTRIES	7.7%
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED	37

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PARENTS: (SUMMARY)

BORN IN CANADA	30.21%
BORN IN BRITISH ISLES	44.00%
BORN IN BRITISH EMPIRE	76.94%
BORN IN RUSSIA	6.31%
BORN IN OTHER COUNTRIES	16.75%
TOTAL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED	41

IT WILL THUS BE SEEN THAT THE COLLEGE IS PLAYING NO SMALL PART IN ASSISTING MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE FAMILY BACKGROUNDS ARE THOSE OF OTHER LANDS TO DEVELOP AN APPRECIATION FOR CANADIAN IDEALS AND CULTURE, AND HELP THEM BECOME INTELLIGENT AND USEFUL MEMBERS OF CANADIAN SOCIETY.

WHILE EIGHTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF THE STUDENTS PROFESS THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, OVER TWENTY-THREE DIFFERENT FAITHS OR DENOMINATIONS ARE REPRESENTED.

RELIGIONS: SUMMARY)

PROTESTANT	71.42%
ROMAN CATHOLIC	15.75%
HEBREW	11.77%
OTHERS	1,06%

A FINE CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE TO THE ALLEVIATION OF SOME OF THE CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE WIDESPREAD UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE PAST YEAR. OVER TWO HUNDRED FORMER STUDENTS WERE RE-ENROLLED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEES, OR UPON PAYMENT OF GREATLY REDUCED FEES. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE FREE TUITION PROVIDED ON THIS BASIS HAS AMOUNTED TO ABOUT $3,500.00, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NINE YEARS THE COLLEGE HAS HAD TO CLOSE ITS YEAR WITH A DEFICIT IN EXCESS OF THAT ALLOWED FOR IN THE BUDGET. THIS EXCESS DEFICIT IS ENTIRELY ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE SERVICES WHICH HAVE BEEN RENDERED TO THOSE WHOSE HOMES HAVE BEEN GREATLY AFFECTED BY THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

TWO CLASSES WERE CONDUCTED, BOTH OF WHICH MEET THREE EVENINGS EACH WEEK, FOR FIFTY UNEMPLOYED BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND EIGHTEEN. THEY ARE BEING GIVEN INTENSIVE WORK IN BUSINESS ARITHMETIC, TYPEWRITING AND BOOKKEEPING. LORD ATHOLSTAN, THROUGH THE ATHOLSTAN EDUCATIONAL FUND, IS PROVIDING THE MONEY TO PAY THE INSTRUCTOR, AND THE COST OF THE BOOKS. THE COLLEGE IS PROVIDING CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATION, ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES.

A CLASSROOM WAS PROVIDED FIVE TIMES A WEEK FOR A SPECIAL CLASS IN HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECTS, ORGANIZED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT (MCGILL). IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATION, THE COLLEGE PROVIDED TYPEWRITER EQUIPMENT.

A GROUP OF ENGINEERS AND DRAUGHTSMEN, ORGANIZED BY THE REGISTRATION BUREAU FOR OFFICE WORKERS, WAS PROVIDED WITH A CLASSROOM AND DRAWING BOARDS. THIS GROUP MET DAILY TO CARRY ON A PROGRAM OF WORK ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

THE STAFF HAS CONSISTED OF FIFTY-THREE PERSONS, OF WHOM FIFTY COMPRISE THE ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING STAFF, AND THREE THE OFFICE STAFF.

THE COLLEGE IS COMPRISED OF A GROUP OF SIX DISTINCT SCHOOLS.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE WAS ESTABLISHED THREE YEARS AGO AND HAS FULLY JUSTIFIED ITS CREATION. IT ENROLLS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO WISH TO PURSUE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GRADE STUDIES DURING THE EVENING HOURS. RIGID ENTRANCE STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED AND A HIGH QUALITY OF CLASSROOM WORK IS REQUIRED. THE TWO YEAR EVENING COURSE WAS INCREASED LAST YEAR TO THREE YEARS OF STUDY LEADING TO THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE DIPLOMA OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS, SCIENCE OR COMMERCE.

THE EVENING HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN RAPIDLY DEVELOPING DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. IT PROVIDES THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY IN MONTREAL FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO COMPLETE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE EVENINGS. AMONG ITS STUDENTS ARE MANY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OVER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, INCLUDING NOT A FEW MARRIED MEN AND WOMEN. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF FOUR YEARS OF STUDY. THERE ARE TWO MAIN COURSES, ONE LEADING TO THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY AND THE OTHER LEADING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMA.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL MEETS A GREAT NEED IN THE CITY WHICH ARISES FROM THE LACK OF A COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW IN THIS PROVINCE, RESULTING IN MANY BOYS AND GIRLS LEAVING SCHOOL BEFORE COMPLETING THEIR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. CAREFULLY GRADED COURSES ARE OFFERED, BEGINNING AT GRADE V. AND LEADING TO HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE. AN INTERESTING FEATURE OF THE SCHOOL IS THE SPECIAL WORK FOR ADULTS, SOME OF WHOM CAN NEITHER READ NOR WRITE WHEN THEY COMMENCE THEIR COURSE.

THE INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY OFFERS BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR THOSE WHOSE GENERAL EDUCATION PERMITS THEM TO FOLLOW SUCH COURSES WITH PROFIT.

THE DAY BUSINESS SCHOOL IS A DAY COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, OFFERING THOROUGH TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ENTER BUSINESS AS BOOKKEEPERS, STENOGRAPHERS OR SECRETARIES.

THE SCHOOL OF ART, OPERATING BOTH IN THE DAY AND EVENING, FOR TWELVE MONTHS EACH YEAR, WAS ESTABLISHED A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO. THE ENROLMENT DURING THE FIRST YEAR HAS ALMOST REACHED THAT OF THE DAY BUSINESS SCHOOL WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR MANY YEARS. COURSES ARE OFFERED IN PRACTICALLY EVERY BRANCH OF FINE AND APPLIED ART, INCLUDING DRAWING, PAINTING IN WATER-COLOR, TEMPERA AND OILS, LIFE PORTRAITURE, OUTDOOR SKETCHING, LANDSCAPE PAINTING, ETCHING, CLAY-MODELLING AND SCULPTURE, FASHION DESIGNING, LETTERING, POSTER DESIGNS, AND ADVERTISING ART. THE ENROLMENT IS ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

METROPOLITAN PHYSICAL WORK:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION NOT ONLY BECAUSE, THROUGH THE PRACTICES OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND GAMES, HEALTH AND BODILY VIGOR ARE DEVELOPED, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS A VEHICLE FOR ACQUIRING CHARACTER VALUES THAT MAY CARRY OVER INTO DAILY LIFE.

THE MONTREAL Y.M.C.A. IS WELL EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION FOR ITS MEMBERS AS WILL BE SEEN BY THE FOLLOWING CHART.

BRANCH.	GYMNASIUM.	SWIMMING POOLS.	SHOWER BATHS.	RUNNING TRACK.	HANDBALL COURTS.	BADMINTON COURTS.	TENNIS COURTS.	VOLLEYBALL COURTS.	BOXING.	WRESTLING.	FENCING.	PLAYFIELD.	HOCKEY RINK.
CENTRAL	2	1	YES	1	5	1	-	2	YES	YES	-	-	-
WESTMOUNT	1	1	YES	1	3	1	6	1	-	-	-	✓	✓
NORTH	1	1	YES	1	3	1	8	1	YES	YES	YES	1	1
SOUTHWEST	1	1	YES	-	-	3	6	2	YES	YES	YES	1	1
MOUNT ROYAL	1	-	YES	-	1	1	-	-	YES	YES	-	✓	✓
PT.ST.CHAS.	1	1	YES	-	-	1	-	-	YES	YES	-	1	1
N.D.G.	-	-	YES	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	✓
INTERNAT.	-	-	YES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
TOTALS	7	5	7	3	12	9	23	7	5	5	2	6	5

✓ USE OF PUBLIC PARK OR RINK.

THE GENERAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDES GYMNASIUM CLASSES FOR BOYS AND MEN FROM TEN YEARS TO SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE; AND BUILT AROUND THE CLASSES ARE ALL FORMS OF INDOOR GAMES AND SPORTS.

COMPETITIVE GAMES AND SPORTS INTERESTED A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN AND BOYS AS WELL AS MANY WOMEN AND GIRL MEMBERS. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS FROM THE BRANCHES TOOK PART IN OPEN CITY LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS AND IN INTER-Y.M.C.A. COMPETITIONS IN BASKETBALL, SOFT BALL, HOCKEY, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, WRESTLING, BOXING, FENCING, CROSS-COUNTRY RACING, GYMNASTICS, SWIMMING AND TENNIS; WHICH SHOWS THE WIDE RANGE OF INTEREST OF OUR MEMBERS.

TEACHING SWIMMING TO BEGINNERS WAS FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE FIVE BRANCHES WHICH HAVE SWIMMING POOLS, AND SPECIAL CLASSES WERE CONDUCTED IN THE SUMMER FOR SMALL BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS. OVER 1,700 CHILDREN WERE GIVEN INSTRUCTION DURING THE YEAR.

TWO INTER-BRANCH SWIMMING MEETS FOR BOYS AND AN INTER-BRANCH SWIMMING LEAGUE FOR MEN GAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPETITION TO THE GOOD SWIMMERS.

FOUR BRANCHES WITH 23 TENNIS COURTS HAD 373 MEMBERS; NORTH BRANCH INSTALLED LIGHTS ON FOUR COURTS THIS YEAR. AN INTER-BRANCH LEAGUE IN MEN'S SINGLES AND DOUBLES, WOMEN'S SINGLES AND DOUBLES, AND MIXED DOUBLES WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED ALL SUMMER, AND WAS WON BY NORTH BRANCH. NORTH BRANCH ALSO ENTERED A TEAM IN THE OUTREMONT TOURNAMENT.

MEN'S AND BOYS' INTER-BRANCH LEAGUES IN SOFTBALL WERE CONDUCTED LAST SUMMER WITH NEARLY ALL BRANCHES PARTICIPATING. NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCH CONDUCTED AN OPEN LEAGUE FOR NOTRE DAME DE GRACE TEAMS AND SEVERAL BRANCHES PLAYED IN LOCAL CITY LEAGUES.

BASKETBALL HELD THE USUAL LARGE PLACE IN THE INTEREST OF OUR MEMBERS. CENTRAL (4 TEAMS), NORTH, WESTMOUNT, SOUTHWESTERN (2 TEAMS), AND RAILROAD HAD TEAMS IN THE CITY LEAGUES AND IN THE JUVENILE INTER BRANCH LEAGUE. CENTRAL BRANCH "BLUES" WON THE CITY INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND ALSO THE M.A.A.A. TOURNAMENT, DEFEATING CENTRAL "Y" SENIORS IN THE FINAL. RAILROAD HAD FIVE TEAMS IN MINOR CITY LEAGUES, AND CENTRAL HAD 30 TEAMS IN THEIR FALL, WINTER AND SPRING HOUSE LEAGUES WITH 125 PLAYERS PARTICIPATING. MOUNT ROYAL HAD THREE HOUSE LEAGUES WITH A TOTAL OF 3,000 PARTICIPANTS.

THE BOY'S WEIGHT CLASS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HAD ALL BOYS' BRANCHES REPRESENTED IN THE FIVE DIVIDIONS -- 80 LBS., 95 LBS., 110 LBS., 125 LBS., AND UNLIMITED.

CENTRAL BRANCH PLAYED OUT OF TOWN TEAMS FROM BATTLE CREEK, MICH., TORONTO WEST END, PLATTSBURG, N.Y. AND THE CANADIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONS - WINNIPEG "TOILERS". MOUNT ROYAL PLAYED HOME AND HOME GAMES WITH QUEBEC CITY "Y".

BADMINTON WAS PLAYED IN WESTMOUNT, SOUTHWESTERN NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL, RAILROAD, AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCHES; AND AN INTER-BRANCH LEAGUE WAS CONDUCTED FOR MEN AND WOMEN. Y.M.C.A. PLAYERS ENTERED THE CITY AND

AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS (20 FROM WESTMOUNT) AND SEVERAL DID VERY WELL. WESTMOUNT BRANCH LADIES' CLUB HAD 65 MEMBERS, THE MOST IN ITS HISTORY.

HOCKEY WAS PLAYED, WHEN THE WEATHER PERMITTED, BY NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, WESTMOUNT, SOUTHWESTERN, RAILROAD AND MOUNT ROYAL.

SKATING WAS PARTICIPATED IN BY RAILROAD AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCHES WHO HAD THE USE OF RINKS, AND BOTH HAD SUCCESSFUL ICE CARNIVALS.

THE TRAINING OF VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM HAS LONG BEEN THE POLICY OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, AND MANY OF THE MOST VALUABLE LAYMEN IN THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION AT THE PRESENT TIME OWE THEIR INTEREST AND DEVOTION TO THEIR RECRUITMENT FOR SERVICE IN THE LEADERS' CORPS OF PAST YEARS. THE LEADERS' CORPS, BOYS AND MEN, OF CENTRAL, NORTH, AND WESTMOUNT BRANCHES HAVE RENDERED VALUABLE SERVICE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND HAVE RECEIVED SPECIAL TRAINING IN GYMNASTICE AND PHYSIOLOGY, FIRST AID, AND OTHER "THEORY". SIXTEEN OF CENTRAL'S LEADERS PASSED THE NATIONAL Y.M.C.A. EXAMINATIONS.

BOXING AND WRESTLING WERE PROMOTED BY CENTRAL, NORTH, RAILROAD, SOUTHWESTERN AND MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCHES. THE CLASSES AT CENTRAL WERE BY FAR THE LARGEST IN THE CITY, BOXING ENROLLING 56 MEN AND WRESTLING 46. CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVES TOOK PART IN THE CITY AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ONE CITY BOXING TITLE AND SEVEN PROVINCIAL WRESTLING TITLES BEING WON BY CENTRAL MEN. BOTH WRESTLING AND BOXING CLUBS GAVE CHARITY SHOWS AT SERVICE CLUBS AND AT THE STE. ANNES MILITARY HOSPITAL.

FENCING HAD PROMINENCE IN THE PROGRAM AT NORTH BRANCH AND SOME ATTENTION AT SOUTHWESTERN.

CENTRAL BRANCH ORGANIZED A GYMNASTIC CLUB OF 35 MEMBERS WHICH WON THE PROVINCIAL TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND ONE MEMBER, ED. STOESSEL, WON THREE DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE TORONTO EXHIBITION LAST FALL. CENTRAL AND WESTMOUNT LEADERS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROVINCIAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CENTRAL.

GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS WERE GIVEN ON NEW YEAR'S DAY AND AT THE CLOSING OF THE INDOOR WORK BY THE BRANCHES HAVING ORGANIZED GYMNASIUM WORK. SOUTHWESTERN PUT ON AN INDOOR CIRCUS WITH 186 PARTICIPANTS AND AN ATTENDANCE OF SEVEN HUNDRED SPECTATORS.

CENTRAL'S AND WESTMOUNT'S SOLARIUM AND MASSAGE ROOMS WERE WELL PATRONIZED. TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WERE GIVEN AT CENTRAL.

HANDBALL CONTINUED TO BE POPULAR AT WESTMOUNT, NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL AND CENTRAL, THESE BRANCHES HAVING A TOTAL OF TWELVE COURTS.

VOLLEYBALL AT SOUTHWESTERN, CENTRAL WESTMOUNT, NORTH AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE HAD ITS DEVOTEES, CENTRAL ENTERING TWO TEAMS IN THE CITY LEAGUE.

ATHLETICS, BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR HAD MANY FOLLOWERS; RAILROAD HAD AN INDOOR TRACK TEAM; NOTRE DAME DE GRACE AND NORTH BRANCHES HAD ROAD RACES, THE LATTER CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL DUNLOP TEAM TROPHY FIVE MILE ROAD RACE, AND THE FORMER SEVERAL PAPER CHASES FOR BOYS. THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC HEXATHLON WAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN BY SEVERAL BRANCHES.

PHYSICAL WORK FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS HAS BECOME A PART OF OUR PROGRAM AND GYM CLASSES AND SWIMMING FOR WOMEN WERE POPULAR AT WESTMOUNT AND NORTH. SOFTBALL, AT RAILROAD, AND SWIMMING FOR GIRLS AT WESTMOUNT, WERE WELL PATRONIZED. SOUTHWESTERN CARRIED ON A FULL PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN.

CITY-WIDE BOYS WORK:

THE YEAR JUST ENDED SAW A REPITITION OF THE USUAL FINE INTER-BRANCH CO-OPERATION, COMPETITION, AND A DEFINITE GROWTH IN ESPRIT DE CORPS, NOT ONLY AS BOY MEMBERS OF A BRANCH, BUT AS MEMBERS OF THE MONTREAL Y.M.C.A.

EARLY IN THE FALL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CABINETS OF EACH BRANCH MET FOR AN AFTERNOON AND EVENING CONFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF W.R. COOK, NATIONAL BOYS' WORK SECRETARY. THE NET RESULT WAS TO GIVE A MORE DEFINITE CITY-WIDE CONSCIOUSNESS TO OUR WHOLE WORK, AND PUT A GREATER SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY ON THE BOYS THEMSELVES.

FATHER AND SON BANQUETS WERE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT WESTMOUNT, NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL AND CENTRAL BRANCHES, SPEAKERS WERE REV. J.W. CLARKE, DR. E.M. BEST, R.H. DEAN AND DR. E. LESLIE PIDGEON. THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE WERE ALMOST ONE THOUSAND FATHERS AND SONS.

INTER-BRANCH COMPETITION WAS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE PING-PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHEN THE WINNERS FROM EACH BRANCH WERE PITTED AGAINST THE OTHER WINNERS OF THEIR OWN AGE. CHAMPIONSHIPS WENT TO SOUTHWESTERN (TWO), CENTRAL AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE. THE ANNUAL CITY-WIDE SWIMMING MEET WAS WON BY WESTMOUNT. A SEVEN TEAM BASKETBALL LEAGUE, FOR BOYS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, WAS PARTICIPATED IN BY RAILROAD, NORTH, CENTRAL, MOUNT ROYAL, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, WESTMOUNT AND SOUTHWESTERN BRANCHES, AND WAS A VERY WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY.

UNDOUBTEDLY THE EVENT WITH THE FINEST EDUCATIONAL VALUE IS THE MONTREAL BOYS' HOBBY SHOW, WHICH WE HAVE SPONSORED SINCE ITS INCEPTION. THIS YEAR IT INCLUDED NOT ONLY THE BRANCHES OF THE Y.M.C.A. BUT ALSO HAD AN OFFICIAL ENDORSATION OF AND REPRESENTATION FROM THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION, THE Y.M.H.A., THE SALVATION ARMY LIFE SAVING SCOUTS, THE WEREDALE BOYS' HOME AND THE KNIGHTS OF HONOUR OF ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH. THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF BRANCHES AND CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS COMPOSED THE HOBBY SHOW BOARD, AND WORKED DILIGENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY FROM EARLY IN DECEMBER TILL THE SHOW WAS ACTUALLY COMPLETED. THEY PLANNED THE BOOKLET, SECURED THE ADVERTISEMENTS, GOT COMPETITIVE PRICES ON PRINTING, LET THEIR CONTRACT, FOLLOWED THE BOOK THROUGH THE PRESS, AND THEN DISTRIBUTED THE COPIES. THEY SECURED JUDGES AND SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS. THE PRESIDENT ARRANGED FOR ONE OF HIS BOARD TO SPEAK BEFORE EACH OF THE SERVICE CLUBS AND OBTAINED THE GRAND

CHAMPIONSHIP CUPS AND MEDALS FROM THE LIONS, THE GYRO, AND KIWANIS CLUBS. THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE PURPLE CIRCLE, THEY WERE ABLE TO BROADCAST SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE EXHIBITION. FINALLY, THEY RECEIVED THE ENTRIES, SAW THEM JUDGED, POLICED THE SHOW WHILE IT WAS ON, AND SUPERVISED THE RETURN OF THE EXHIBITS TO THE EXHIBITORS. AN INNOVATION THIS YEAR WAS THE ADMISSION OF GIRLS TO ELIGIBILITY AS EXHIBITORS. THE RESULTS WOULD JUSTIFY EXPANSION IN THIS DIRECTION. IN ALL, THERE WERE ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED EXHIBITORS, WITH OVER ONE THOUSAND EXHIBITS.

THROUGHOUT OUR CITY WORK WE FIND OUR BOYS ASSUMING REAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM IN THEIR BRANCHES, AND WE BELIEVE THEY ARE TRAINING THEMSELVES FOR POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

KAMP KANAWANA:

THE SEASON OF 1931 WAS THE TWENTY-SECOND IN WHICH OUR BOYS' CAMP HAS BEEN OPERATED IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. THE ATTENDANCE WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY, THERE BEING 356 BOYS IN CAMP, A DECREASE OF 92 OVER A YEAR AGO; AND 1,148 BOY WEEKS, A DECREASE OF 364. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAMPING SEASON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. R.H. DAWSON, TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE. HIS FINE CONTRIBUTION TO THE BOYS' CAMP WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE METROPOLITAN BOARD AT A DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOR, WHEN A PRESENTATION WAS MADE HIM IN APPRECIATION OF HIS LONG AND HELPFUL SERVICE.

CAMP OROTEKE:

THE 1931 SEASON AT CAMP OTOREKE MARKED THE FORTIETH YEAR OF OUR ACTIVITY ON LAC ST. JOSEPH, AND THIS CAMP SITE REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN CANADA. EIGHTY-FOUR YOUNG MEN FROM FIVE OF OUR BRANCHES AND SIXTEEN GIRLS FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH, MAKING A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF ONE HUNDRED AS COMPARED WITH 159 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

CITY-WIDE RELATIONSHIPS.

IT HAS BEEN THE POLICY OF THE Y.M.C.A. FOR MANY YEARS TO ALLY ITSELF WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR BETTER SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS IN OUR CITY. AS A RESULT, MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN CO-OPERATION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. IN SOME CASES, THE PART WHICH THE Y.M.C.A. HAS PLAYED HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY SMALL ONE, SUCH AS GRANTING THE USE OF A ROOM IN ONE OF OUR BUILDINGS AS A PLACE OF MEETING FOR AN EVENING; AT OTHER TIMES IT HAS MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF FIRST IMPORTANCE. AMONG THE AGENCIES WITH WHICH THE ASSOCIATION HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CO-OPERATING DURING THE YEAR HAVE BEEN THE FOLLOWING:

MONTREAL BOY LIFE COUNCIL.
SOCIAL WORKERS CLUB.
SISTERHOOD FEDERATION.
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.
SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL.
MEN'S BROTHERHOOD.
STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

TOC H.
ST. GEORGE'S SCOUTS.
IVERLY SETTLEMENT.
MONTREAL HIGH SCHOOL.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMITTEES.
LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.
MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES.
VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.
BAPTIST EXTENSION BOARD.
UNITED CHURCH COMMITTEE.
LEAGUE AGAINST ALCOHOL.
SALVATION ARMY.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL.
DELPHIC MUSIC WEEK.
SEA SCOUTS.
UNEMPLOYED EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.
DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.
BOYS' WORK BOARD.
ITALIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
ITALIAN EVANGELICAL BROTHERHOOD.
ITALIAN SOCIETY "FIGLI D'ITALIA".
SYRIAN CANADIAN SOCIETY.
CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN "SOKOL".
RUSSIAN NATIONAL SOCIETY.
DAY SHELTER FOR UNEMPLOYED MEN.
MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.
ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.
SWEDISH CLUB.
HUNGARIAN CLUB.
DANISH HOME.
FINNISH SEAMEN'S AND IMMIGRANT MISSION.
VERDUN RELIEF SOCIETY.
CAMBRIAN GLEE SINGERS.
CO-OPERATIVE HEALTH SERVICE.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OPERATIC SOCIETY.
MERRIE MAIDS CLUB (UNITED CHURCH.)
FRATERNAL ORDER OF CLANSMEN (UNITED CHURCH)
BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION.
McGILL - VERDUN GRADUATES.
ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S CLUB.
CONNAUGHT SCHOOL CHOIR.
MONTREAL PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION.
VERDUN GENERAL HOSPITAL.
NATIONAL COUNCIL Y.M.C.A.
LASALLE ROAD SCHOOL.
VERDUN HOCKEY COMMITTEE.
MOUNTFIELD PLAYERS.
SUNSHINE CLUB (FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.)
MONTREAL JUVENILE PLAYERS.
ST. PAUL UNITED Y.P.S.
C.G.I.T.
NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTRE
VERDUN BROTHERHOOD.
WOMEN'S CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.
I.O.D.E.
VERDUN AMATEUR MUSICAL SOCIETY.
VERDUN PROTESTANT TEACHERS DRAMATIC SOCIETY.
NORTHERN ELECTRIC CHORAL SOCIETY.
VERDUN ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.
VERDUN INDEPENDENT SOFTBALL LEAGUE.
VERDUN SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE.
VERDUN HOCKEY COMMITTEE.
VERDUN JUNIOR SISTERHOOD.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.
RIVERVIEW TENNIS CLUB.
Q.A.H.A. REFEREES BOARD.
ST. COLUMBA HOUSE.
VERDUN HIGH SCHOOL.

CENTRAL BRANCH:

CENTRAL BRANCH HAS HAD A COMPLETE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE IN ITS MODERNIZED AND ENLARGED BUILDING. THE GREATER AMOUNT OF SPACE AVAILABLE, THE ATTRACTIVE FURNISHINGS, THE MORE EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT, HAVE ALL HELPED TO MAKE POSSIBLE A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THE VOLUME AND VARIETY OF THE WORK CARRIED ON IN THE BRANCH. EVEN WITH THE INCREASE IN SPACE, THERE WERE MANY EVENINGS DURING THE PAST SEASON WHEN THE BUILDING WAS TAXED TO THE LIMIT OF ITS ACCOMMODATION FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITY.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED UPON INFORMAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN. THE SPOKE CLUB HAD A MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON, ITS MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN MANY OUTSIDE EVENTS, INCLUDING THE PROGRAM OF THE MONTREAL DEBATING LEAGUE. THE CURRENT EVENTS CLUB WAS A NEW GROUP BUILT ABOUT AN INTEREST IN THE TOPICS OF THE DAY. AN INFORMAL NOON HOUR DISCUSSION GROUP CARRIED ON ALONG SIMILAR LINES. A VERY SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASS, AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS COURSE, DEVELOPED INTO ANOTHER PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB. PROF. L.C. MARSH OF MCGILL GAVE A SERIES OF LECTURES ON "CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT". FOR THE THIRD YEAR A WELL ATTENDED SERIES ON "PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE." WAS CONDUCTED, WITH MRS. W.T.B. MITCHELL, DR. SILVERMAN, DR. GRANT FLEMING, REV. DR. LESLIE PIDGEON, H.S. ROSS, K.C., AND ALEX. MURPHY AS LECTURERS. THE INTER-Y DISCUSSION GROUP, COMPOSED OF YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN OF THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS, CARRIED ON FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON.

THE LIBRARY, IN ITS SPLENDID NEW QUARTERS, HAD AN INCREASED USAGE FOR THE YEAR. THE BOOKS LOANED TOTALLED 20,589. FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO NEW BOOKS WERE ADDED TO THE LIBRARY, AND 558 NEW READERS WERE ENROLLED.

THE SPECIFICALLY RELIGIOUS WORK OF THE BRANCH IS INCLUDED IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THIS REPORT, INCLUDING THE FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CLASS, FORUM, SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST, FIRESIDE SONG SERVICE, DISCUSSION GROUPS,ETC.

ONE OF THE GREATEST IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE CENTRAL BUILDING WAS IN THE BILLIARDS DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS NOW A VERY ATTRACTIVE ROOM.. OUR SOCIAL GAMES EQUIPMENT INCLUDES, BESIDES BILLIARD TABLES, CHECKERS, CHESS AND PIG-PONG FACILITIES. THE CENTRAL TEAM WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP THIS PAST SEASON IN THE CITY AND DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE.

A GREAT VARIETY OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE DURING THE YEAR. THE SUNDAY TEA AND MUSICALE SPECIALLY FOR RESIDENT MEMBERS FORMED A POPULAR FEATURE. AFTER GYM. GET-TOGETHERS, WITH PICTURES AND REFRESHMENTS, CLUB SUPPERS, INTER-Y DANCES, NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, SOCIAL EVENINGS, ALL HELPED PROVIDE WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT FOR OUR MEMBERS.

THE TOTAL AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE AT GYMNASIUM CLASSES FOR THE SEASON WAS 10,472. IN THE CONDUCT OF THESE, THE PHYSICAL DIRECTOR HAD THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LEADERS CORPS, COMPOSED OF TWENTY-SIX YOUNG MEN WHO UNDERTAKE A COURSE IN PHYSICAL TRAINING. MANY CLUBS WERE ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE SPORTS IN WHICH MEMBERS WERE INTERESTED, SUCH AS BOXING, WRESTLING, SWIMMING AND HAND-BALL. TEAM SPORTS INCLUDED BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOFT-BALL, ETC. OUR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SERVICE INCLUDES PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR MEMBERS, ALSO THE SOLARIUM WITH ITS ULTRA-VIOLET RAY LAMPS, ELECTRIC CABINET BATH AND MASSAGE.

VARIOUS SOCIAL GROUPS CARRIED OUT CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THEIR OWN OFFICERS, SUCH AS THE CREST CLUB, Y'29 AND Y'31 CLUBS, BANKERS, AND Y'S MEN'S CLUB.

THE BOYS' DIVISION MEMBERSHIP REACHED A TOTAL OF 844 DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING 164 UNEMPLOYED BOYS SUPPLIED WITH TICKETS UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE NEW CLUB ROOMS, CRAFT SHOP AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE BOYS AND MADE GOOD USE OF BY THEM. THE BOYS' CABINET, ELECTED BY THE BOYS THEMSELVES ASSUMES AN ACTIVE AND CONTINUED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM OF THE BOYS' DIVISION. THIS PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP. THE MOTHERS' CLUB HAVE GIVEN VERY HELPFUL SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MANY OF THE BOYS' EVENTS.

THE RESIDENT COUNCIL HAS CARRIED ON A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE RESIDENTS. THEIR WORK HAS INCLUDED THE WELCOMING OF NEW MEN TO THE BUILDING, AND THE CONDUCT OF MANY SOCIAL RECREATIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

WESTMOUNT BRANCH:

THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH HAS MAINTAINED ITS SERVICE TO THE BOYS AND MEN, AND ALSO TO THE WOMEN AND GIRLS, OF THIS RESIDENTIAL PART OF THE CITY, AND CLOSED THE YEAR WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 800 AS COMPARED WITH 797 FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MANY PRESENT LEADERS IN COMMUNITY LIFE, IN CIVIC ENTERPRISES, IN CHURCH, SOCIAL AGENCIES, BOYS' ORGANIZATIONS, SPORT AND BUSINESS IN MONTREAL, HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP AND AN ENLARGEMENT IN THEIR OUTLOOK AND SYMPATHIES IN THE WESTMOUNT Y.M.C.A.

THE BOYS' DIVISION, WITH 60% OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, HAS BEEN A HIVE OF ACTIVITY AND EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED UPON LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND ON GROUP AND CLUB ACTIVITIES.

ELEVEN ORGANIZED CLUBS OF BOYS FROM TEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE HAVE MET EACH WEEK UNDER ADULT LEADERSHIP AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN GAMES, SPORTS, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, WITH EMPHASIS UPON THE RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL FACTORS IN LIFE. BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESSES, DISCUSSIONS, AND SERVICE TASKS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED. A NEW CLUB WAS FORMED OF GRADUATES OF THE BOYS' DIVISION TO HELP THEM BECOME ASSIMILATED INTO THE YOUNG MEN'S DIVISION.

HOBBIES, SUCH AS STAMPS, FRET WORK, MODEL YACHT BUILDING HAVE BEEN PROMOTED; WHILE THE FATHER AND SON BANQUET, HALLOWE'EN PARTY, MOVIES, DANCES, ETC., HAVE SUPPLIED THE SOCIAL LIFE FOR YOUNG AND OLDER BOYS.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS TO INDUSTRIES, FACTORIES, ETC., WERE MADE A FEATURE OF THE SUMMER PROGRAM, AS WERE PICNICS AND OUTINGS.

THE BRANCH HAD 122 MEMBERS AT OUR OWN KAMP KANAWANA LAST SUMMER AND 269 MEMBERS ATTENDED 13 OTHER CAMPS IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. WESTMOUNT SUPPLIED 50 OLDER BOYS FOR CAMP LEADERSHIP -- 12 FOR KANAWANA AND 38 FOR SEVEN OTHER CAMPS. WESTMOUNT ALSO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR 43 UNDERPRIVILEGED BOYS TO ENJOY TWO WEEKS AT CAMP -- THE FOSSILS PAYING FOR 24, THE WESTMOUNT ROTARY CLUB FOR 5, AND FRIENDS FOR 14.

A SENIOR AND YOUNG MEN'S DIVISION COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM AMONGST OUR MEN MEMBERS.

THE PHYSICAL PROGRAM HAS BEEN WELL SUSTAINED WITH GYMNASIUM CLASSES FOR BOYS, YOUNG MEN, BUSINESS MEN, AND FOR WOMEN.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS TOOK PART EITHER IN INTER-BRANCH OR CITY TOURNAMENTS (OR BOTH) IN TENNIS, (MEN AND WOMEN); SOFT BALL, (BOYS AND MEN); HOCKEY, (BOYS AND MEN); BASKETBALL, (BOYS AND MEN); BADMINTON, (MEN AND WOMEN); SWIMMING, (BOYS); GYMNASTICS, (PROVINCIAL).

THE TENNIS CLUB HAS A SUCCESSFUL SEASON, AND SWIMMING CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS WERE CONDUCTED FOR SMALL CHILDREN IN THE SUMMER, AND FOR MEMBERS ALL YEAR. THE BADMINTON CLUBS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, HAD SUCCESSFUL SEASONS WITH LARGE NUMBERS PLAYING. THE GYMNASIUM LEADERS' CORPS RECEIVED INTENSIVE TRAINING AND RENDERED VALUABLE SERVICE. THE LADIES' GYMNASIUM CLASS HAD A RECORD ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, AND A SPECIAL HOUR FOR SWIMMING IN THE EVENINGS FOR BUSINESS GIRLS WAS WELL PATRONIZED. THE FOSSILS CLUB OF YOUNG MEN HAD ONE OF THEIR MOST PROSPEROUS YEARS. LAST SUMMER THEY SENT 24 BOYS TO CAMP, AND DURING THE WINTER THEY RAISED, THROUGH THEIR ENTERTAINMENTS AND DANCES, $725.00 NET FOR WELFARE WORK.

BESIDES HELPING TO SEND BOYS TO CAMP, THE SENIOR LEADERS CONDUCTED GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING CLASSES FOR THE BLIND BOYS AND THE DEAF AND DUMB BOYS OF THE TWO PROTESTANT INSTITUTIONS IN THE CITY. HELP WAS GIVEN TO UNEMPLOYED BOYS AND MEN, INCLUDING 22 FREE OR PART-PAID MEMBERSHIPS. FOR THE FOREIGN WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION, $1,002.30 WAS CONTRIBUTED, AND THE BOYS ALSO RAISED $200.00 TO HELP ENTERTAIN FOREIGN DELEGATES TO THE WORLD'S BOYS' ASSEMBLY IN TORONTO. THE SECRETARIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MANY CIVIC, EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE AGENCIES OF THE CITY; AND THE BUILDING HAS BEEN USED BY MANY ORGANIZATIONS FOR MEETINGS, ETC.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY HAS BEEN THE BACKBONE OF THE SOCIAL LIFE OF THE BRANCH, HAVING SERVED 125 CLUB AND OTHER SUPPERS TO 3,572 INDIVIDUALS, HELPING AT SOCIALS, AND LOOKING AFTER THE FURNISHINGS FOR THE DORMITORY.

THE DORMITORY HAS BEEN FILLED PRACTICALLY ALL YEAR AND THE CAFETERIA, RE-ORGANIZED IN OCTOBER WITH A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD, HAS IMPROVED ITS SERVICE.

FINANCIALLY THE BRANCH CLOSED THE YEAR WITH A SMALL BALANCE OF $51.96 AFTER ABSORBING A DEFICIT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF $1,065.00, BUT IT HAS BEEN AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FURNISHINGS AND UPKEEP OF THE BUILDING. RECEIPTS WERE $29,056.00 EARNED FROM MEMBERSHIPS, ETC., AND $6,500.00 FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS. EXPENSES WERE $33,504.

THE STAFF OF SECRETARIES WAS REDUCED IN JANUARY BY MR. J.M. SAMSON LEAVING TO ACCEPT A CALL TO LETHBRIDGE.

DEATH HAS CALLED THREE OF OUR OLDEST MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR -- MR. J. LESLIE TEDFORD, MR. G.A. ROBERTSON AND MR. C.C. WELLS; AND ALSO OUR NIGHT JANITOR MR. JOHN MATTHEW.

THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH HAS ENDEAVORED TO INCULCATE THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE AMONGST ITS MEMBERS THROUGH THE PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CARRIED ON.

NORTH BRANCH:

IN MAKING A DIGEST OF THE VARIOUS DETAILED REPORTS OF NORTH BRANCH, SEVERAL ITEMS STAND OUT IN BOLD RELIEF. THE FIRST TO BE NOTED IS THE MANNER IN WHICH LAYMEN, YOUNG AND OLD, HAVE RALLIED ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION IN A TIME OF DIFFICULTY AND HAVE GIVEN UNSTINTINGLY OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS IN ORDER THAT IN A PERIOD OF DECREASING SPENDING POWER THE SERVICES OF THE Y.M.C.A. SHOULD NOT BE CURTAILED BUT RATHER EXPANDED. IT IS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION AND PRIDE THAT OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RECOGNIZES THE YEOMAN SERVICE OF SUCH LOYAL AND PURPOSEFUL MEMBERS. WE MIGHT ALSO RECORD THE EXPANDING OF AN OLD POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE EXTENDING TO THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO PAY FOR, BUT YET PROFIT BY AND APPRECIATE, OUR SERVICES. OVER TWO HUNDRED SUCH MEMBERSHIPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THIS YEAR TO DESERVING YOUNG MEN AND BOYS WHO THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCIAL UPKEEP OF THE INSTITUTION. A THIRD POINT TO REMARK IS THE SURPRISING MULTIPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR AND THE MULTIPLICATION OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THEM. TRULY SUCH TIMES AS THESE HAVE PROVED THE GREAT VALUE OF OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE SERVICE OF YOUNG MEN AND BOYS OF LIMITED MEANS. WE ARE HAPPY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN SUCH A TIME. TO THOSE WHO, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MASTER, SEEK TO SERVE, THIS TIME HAS PROVEN AN ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITY.

THE PROGRAM PROMOTED FOR BOYS AND MEN DURING THE YEAR INCLUDED SUPPERS WITH SPECIAL SPEAKERS, DISCUSSION GROUPS ON SUCH TOPICS AS CURRENT EVENTS, SEX EDUCATION, ASSOCIATION HISTORY AND PRINCIPLES, AND PSYCHOLOGY. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS WERE FORMED ALONG THE LINES OF DRAMATICS, PUBLIC SPEAKING, SHOWCARD WRITING, BASKETRY, FLOWER MAKING AND GLEE SINGING. SEVERAL DANCES WERE HELD, AND SEVERAL MEETINGS AFTER GYM AT WHICH TOAST AND TEA WERE SERVED, PROMOTING A GENERAL SPIRIT OF INTIMACY AND SOCIABILITY. HIKES AND PICNICS AS USUAL FEATURED THE SUMMER PROGRAM.

NINETEEN HOURS OF REGULAR GYM CLASSES, BOXING WRESTLING, FENCING AND SWIMMING CLUBS; BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL LEAGUES; A TENNIS AND TWO BADMINTON CLUBS, FURNISHED A WIDE RANGE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES. THE ANNUAL "LEARN TO SWIM" CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOLBOYS ENROLLED 250 INDIVIDUALS.

COMMUNITY LEAGUES WERE FORMED; CHURCH CLUBS WERE GIVEN THE USE OF OUR BUILDING AND COACHED IN ACTIVITIES; A TEAM OF YOUNG MEN CANVASSED OVER ONE HUNDRED CARDS FOR THE FEDERATED CHARITIES, AND THE BOYS OF NORTH BRANCH FORMED A UNIT IN THE ANNUAL TAG DAY OF THE SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN. HUNDREDS OF INTERVIEWS BY THE SECRETARIES WERE HELD WITH MEMBERS IN SUCH PERSONAL INTERESTS AS RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS, VOCATIONS, EDUCATION, HEALTH, DISCIPLINE, CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

WE HAVE CO-OPERATED WITH A SCORE OR ORGANIZATIONS BY EXTENDING THE HOSPITALITY OF OUR BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR MEETINGS, SUPPERS, PRACTICES, AND AS DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR SEVERAL TAG DAYS. AMONGST THESE HAVE BEEN THE NORTH END W.C.T.U., THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S PRAYER CIRCLE, THE DRAMATIC CLUB OF ASCENSION CHURCH, BOY SCOUTS, THE CANADIAN LADIES' TRACK TEAM, THE ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE, CHURCH TEAMS AND CLASSES, POPPY DAY RELIEF FUND, CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, THE HERVEY INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE, AND THE VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES WHO WERE GIVEN THE USE OF A ROOM THROUGHOUT THE WINTER FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING TO NEEDY FAMILIES IN THE NORTHEASTERN SECTION OF THE CITY.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR SHOWS A CONSIDERABLE SHRINKAGE IN INCOME OVER PAST YEARS. $16,786.80 WAS RECEIVED, $8,360.00 OF WHICH WAS FROM THE JOINT FUND. HOWEVER, THE EFFECTING OF MOST RIGID ECONOMIES IN EXPENDITURES REDUCED THEM TO $17,092.28, OF WHICH $908.13 WAS A DEFICIT FROM THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE ACTUAL DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR ON OPERATING ACCOUNT WAS $305.39. MEMBERSHIP FEES COMPARED VERY FAVORABLY WITH LAST YEAR, THERE BEING AN INCREASE IN SENIOR FEES AND A DECREASE IN BOYS' FEES TO CLOSELY MATCH LAST YEAR'S INCOME FROM THIS SOURCE. THE GREATEST LOSS WAS IN DORMITORY REVENUE, AS ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF OUR ROOMS HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED DURING THE YEAR.

INTERNATIONAL BRANCH:

RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE RETURNING TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES OF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MEN AND WOMEN HAVE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE MEMBERSHIP. ON MARCH 31ST THERE WERE 261 MEMBERS BELONGING TO 21 DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES. THE LAST FEW MONTHS, HOWEVER, MEMBERSHIP IS ON THE INCREASE AGAIN. IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR MEMBERS THERE ARE SOME FORTY MEN WHO, ON ACCOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ARE UNABLE TO PAY THEIR DUES BUT ARE ADMITTED TO ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION, OUR MEN ARE STILL FACING CONSIDERABLE DISCRIMINATION ON THE PART OF CERTAIN EMPLOYERS AGAINST THE "FOREIGNER", WHICH DOES NOT MAKE THEIR LOT EASIER. THE WAY IN WHICH THESE MEN HAVE KEPT UP THEIR SPIRITS AND CONFIDENCE IN

THE FUTURE UNDER THE MOST TRYING AND ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES IS ADMIRABLE. SEVERAL HAVE EXPRESSED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THE Y.M.C.A. HAS BEEN OF GREAT HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEM IN THESE TIMES.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE WORK IS THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH. DURING THE PAST YEAR 244 CLASS SESSIONS WERE HELD WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 6,200. THE FRENCH CLASS, MEETING ONCE A WEEK DURING THE FALL AND WINTER, HELD 25 SESSIONS WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF 295.

THE SATURDAY EVENING CONCERTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS HAVE AGAIN BEEN A SOURCE OF PLEASURE TO A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. DIFFERENT NATIONAL GROUPS IN TURN TOOK CHARGE OF AN EVENING'S PROGRAM. FROM TIME TO TIME OUR MEMBERS WERE THE GUESTS OF THE Y.W.C.A. FOR A SOCIAL EVENING AND DANCE.

THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS, HELD FROM OCTOBER TO MAY, WERE AMONG THE MOST WORTH WHILE ACTIVITIES OF THE BRANCH. HELPFUL AND INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES WERE GIVEN BY A NUMBER OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN TO GROUPS OF FROM THIRTY TO FORTY. FOR MANY OF THE MEN THIS IS THE ONLY RELIGIOUS SERVICE THEY ATTEND AND THEY WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO MR. W.E. CUSHING FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THESE MEETINGS.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP, ALSO HAS GRADUALLY BECOME OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN THE LIFE OF THE BRANCH. WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF TWENTY-FOUR, IT HAS HAD PRACTICALLY FULL ATTENDANCE AT ALL BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS. THE DEVOTION AND INTEREST OF THIS GROUP HAS BEEN A GREAT SATISFACTION AND INSPIRATION TO THE LEADER.

A NUMBER OF LECTURES ON VARIOUS TOPICS, WITH AND WITHOUT SLIDES OR MOVING PICTURES, WERE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. VERY HELPFUL TO A GROUP OF MEMBERS HAS BEEN A SERIES OF TALKS ON CANADA BY MR. M.G.WALKER.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF TWO OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS, A GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE GOYS, RUSSIAN, SYRIAN, UKRANIAN AND ITALIAN, ORGANIZED IN SCOUT TROOP NO. 66, MET WEEKLY IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE ALEXDRA SCHOOL.

THE BUILDING HAS CONTINUED TO SERVE AS A MEETING PLACE FOR NUMEROUS NATIONAL GROUPS. GREEK, SYRIAN, RUSSIAN, CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN, ITALIAN, DANISH, NORWEGIAN AND HUNGARIAN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES MADE MORE OR LESS REGULAR USE OF THE ROOMS.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE CO-OPERATION AND INTEREST IN OUR WORK OF MANY OF THE FOREIGN CONSULS AND PASTORS. WE ARE ALSO SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO THE SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE GENERAL AND ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOR THE MANY SERVICES THEY HAVE RENDERED OUR MEMBERS.

SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH:

NOTWITHSTANDING THE SEVERE EFFECT OF THE DEPRESSION IN THE DISTRICT SERVED BY OUR SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH SOUTH OF THE CANAL, THE YEAR'S REPORT INDICATES

A VOLUME OF SERVICE WHICH BEARS TESTIMONY TO THE EVER GROWING INFLUENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THIS AREA OF GREATER MONTREAL.

OF OUTSTANDING INTEREST WAS OUR SERVICE TO UNEMPLOYED OLDER BOYS AND YOUNG MEN, TO WHOM 617 FREE MEMBERSHIPS WERE GIVEN DURING THE YEAR AND FOR WHOM A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATION WAS PROVIDED. NO RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATIONS WAS SHOWN, THE GROUP BEING COMPOSED OF ABOUT TWO-THIRDS PROTESTANT AND ONE-THIRD ROMAN CATHOLIC. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK IS RECOGNIZED BY THE VERDUN CIVIC AUTHORITIES AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE STATES THAT THE ABSENCE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF UNEMPLOYED BOYS IN VERDUN LAST WINTER WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO THIS SERVICE PROVIDED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE SOUTHWESTERN Y.M.C.A.

THE ASSOCIATION ALSO ORGANIZES AND DIRECTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THE JUVENILE PLAY LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY; AND DURING THE WINTER 455 BOYS WERE ORGANIZED INTO HOCKEY LEAGUES ON THE CIVIC RINKS UNDER ASSOCIATION AUSPICES. THIRTY-SEVEN DIFFERENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MADE USE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BUILDING FOR MEETINGS, CONCERTS AND OTHER PURPOSES SO THAT THE CLAIM THAT THE Y.M.C.A. IN THIS DISTRICT IS THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WOULD APPEAR QUITE OBVIOUS. THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB, COMPRISED OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN OF VERDUN, RAISED OVER $500.00 FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND IS ALWAYS FOUND ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY INTERESTS.

THE C.T. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CULTURAL PROGRAM OF THE BRANCH AND DURING THE YEAR THE CIRCULATION REACHED THE FIGURES OF 18,720.

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL NEW FEATURE OF THE YEAR'S WORK IN THE FIELD OF INFORMAL EDUCATION WAS THE INAUGURATION OF A SUNDAY AFTERNOON FORUM. DURING 21 SESSIONS THE ATTENDANCE REACHED 2,100 PERSONS. THIS FORUM BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITY OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS DISCUSSING THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND SERVED TO ACQUAINT THE THOUGHT LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY WITH A SURVEY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, AND SOUGHT TO INTERPRET THE PROBLEM FROM A CHRISTIAN POINT OF VIEW.

THE ORGANIZED BOYS' INTEREST CLUBS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND ORGANIZED RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS EVENTS REVEALED A TOTAL BOY-PARTICIPATION OF 44,769. INDUSTRIAL TRIPS, A DRAMATIC CLUB, A PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB, A SUNDAY - AFTER - CHURCH BOYS' FORUM, AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES ALL SERVED TO MAINTAIN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THE BRANCH. OF SPECIAL INTEREST WAS THE NEW YEAR'S EVE BOY AND GIRL WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, AT WHICH 41 WERE PRESENT.

THE YOUNG MEN'S PROGRAM OFFERED A VARIETY OF INTERESTING AND PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE ALL WELL PARTICIPATED IN, AS WERE THE ACTIVITIES ARRANGED ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR NEW MEMBERS.

THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH OFFERS MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND DURING THE

YEAR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE IN FURTHER CONSOLIDATING THIS FEATURE OF OUR WORK. THE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS PROVIDED ALL THE FEATURES ORDINARILY AVAILABLE FOR MEN AND BOYS AND THE RESULT OF OUR EXPERIENCE SO FAR REVEALS A VERY FINE HARMONY IN THE DEVELOPING OF THIS TYPE OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IN A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY.

A MOTHERS' CLUB, AND A SERIES OF LECTURES ON "PARENT EDUCATION" HAVE PROVEN OF VALUE IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR TRADITIONAL PROGRAM EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEN AND BOYS.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH:

THIS BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION, DURING THE PAST YEAR SERVED APPROXIMATELY 2,000 BOYS AND YOUNG MEN IN VARIOUS WAYS. IT NOT ONLY ATTEMPTED TO CARRY THROUGH THE USUAL CLASS ACTIVITIES BUT SOUGHT TO HAVE A PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ITS MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS THE YOUTH OF THE VAST COMMUNITY IN WHICH IT SERVES. A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT WAS GIVEN TO ASSISTING THE UNEMPLOYED INTELLIGENTLY USE HIS LEISURE TIME. VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING WAS GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM DURING THE YEAR.

SIXTY-EIGHT BOYS AND YOUNG MEN ARE BEING CARRIED IN OUR MEMBERSHIP WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE ANY PAYMENT OF FEES OWING TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES REGISTERED APPROXIMATELY 1,500 INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE OVER LAST YEAR. COMPETITION IN THE VARIOUS LEAGUES CONDUCTED WAS EXCEEDINGLY KEEN AND A LARGELY ATTENDED BANQUET AT THE CLOSE OF THE SEASON MANIFESTED THE INTEREST MAINTAINED THROUGH THE WORK SPONSORED BY THIS DEPARTMENT OF THE BRANCH.

EIGHTEEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS WERE HELD DURING THE WINTER MONTHS FOR YOUNG MEN, AT WHICH VARIOUS SUBJECTS WERE PRESENTED BY OUTSIDE SPEAKERS AND THEN THROWN OPEN FOR DISCUSSION. THIS ACTIVITY PROVED TO BE MORE POPULAR THAN EVER, AND THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE RECORD WAS REGISTERED AGAINST ANY PREVIOUS YEAR.

SEVERAL SOCIAL EVENINGS WERE HELD DURING THE YEAR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S DIVISION, WHICH HELPED TO CREATE A REAL SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE AND ESPRIT DE CORPS AMONG THE MEMBERS.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOYS' DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS AND THE WORK ATTEMPTED HAS MET WITH GOOD SUCCESS. ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HOBBY CLUBS, VOCATIONAL TALKS, SOCIALS AND GET-TOGETHERS, HIKES, PICNICS AND MOVIES ARE SOME OF THE MANY INTERESTS IN A BOY'S LIFE WHICH HAVE BEEN PROMOTED. THE LADIES AUXILIARY WERE VERY POPULAR WITH THE BOYS IN THAT THEY PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS ON MANY OCCASIONS FOR THEIR PARTIES AND GET-TOGETHERS.

SEVERAL FICTION AND RELIGIOUS BOOKS WERE ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR, AND WERE USED VERY EXTENSIVELY BY THE MEMBERS.

THE Y.W.C.A. CONTINUED TO SERVE THE GIRLS OF THE COMMUNITY IN A VERY EFFICIENT MANNER. THEY USED OUR BUILDING EACH THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MAY.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT SHOWED AN INCOME OF $9,206.43 AND AN EXPENDITURE OF $9,068.96 LEAVING A SURPLUS OF $137.47 FOR THE YEAR.

POINT ST. CHARLES AND TURCOT:

IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDES A VARIED SERVICE TO MEN AT TURCOT AND ALSO TO THE POINT ST. CHARLES AREA IN GENERAL. THE GYMNASIUM, SWIMMING POOL, BILLIARD ROOM AND BOWLING ALLEYS WERE IN ALMOST CONSTANT USE. FIFTY-ONE TEAMS TOOK PART IN BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, HOCKEY, BOWLING AND BILLIARD LEAGUES. THIRTEEN HUNDRED ATTENDED SWIMMING CLASSES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. TWO THOUSAND WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CARNIVAL HELD DURING THE WINTER, WHEREAS FIVE HUNDRED PARTICIPATED IN THE LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL FIELD DAY. TWENTY-SIX SOCIAL EVENINGS WERE HELD, WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HUNDRED. ALL OF THE UNEMPLOYED FROM THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY SHOPS WERE GIVEN PRIVILEGES FREE OF CHARGE. DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING WAS MADE FREQUENTLY TO THOSE IN NEED. GARDENS WERE SECURED FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, LAND WAS PLOUGHED, SEED DONATED AND TOOLS LOANED FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING.

THE TURCOT BRANCH IS OPEN EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR TO SERVE RAILROAD MEN AWAY FROM HOME. OVER SIX THOUSAND MEN USED THE BUILDING FOR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION AND FOR EATING THEIR MEALS DURING THE YEAR. AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED DIFFERENT MEN USED THE BUILDING EACH WEEK. IT IS RENDERING AN INDISPENSABLE SERVICE TO THE MEN WHOE WORK TAKES THEM AWAY FROM HOME.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCH:

THROUGH THE PERSISTENT AND DEVOTED EFFORTS OF THE BOARD AND OTHER LAY WORKERS, NOTABLE GAINS WERE MADE IN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, MEMBERSHIP GROWTH, PROGRAM ACTIVITY, AND IN BUILDING COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD WILL. SUCH PROGRESS HAS MADE THE YEAR WHICH HAS JUST PASSED MOST SUCCESSFUL.

ABOUT THREE-FIFTHS OF THE GROUNDS WERE GRADED, DRAINED, LEVELLED AND ROLLED; THREE NEW TENNIS COURTS WERE MADE AND FENCED; AND A TEMPORARY CLUBHOUSE ERECTED; ALL OF WHICH COMBINES TO MAKE A GREATER INTEREST AND A LARGE PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM.

CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION. NINE COMMITTEES WERE FORMED, THE CHAIRMAN CHOSEN AND THE PERSONNEL IS NOW BEING CAREFULLY SELECTED.

THE MEMBERSHIP HAS INCREASED FROM 105 TO 306, MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:

BUSINESS MEN.....	39
LADIES.....	18
YOUNG MEN.....	27
BOYS.....	222
	306

AN ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON INCLUDING BADMINTON, TENNIS, SOFTBALL, SKATING, HOCKEY, DANCES, CARNIVALS, SOCIALS, SUPPERS, CONFERENCES, BASKETBALL, HIKES, ROAD RACES, INTEREST CLUBS, MOVIES, ETC. BADMINTON HAD A SEASONAL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE OF 40, TENNIS 100, MOVIES 260, SOFTBALL 300, HOCKEY 720, AND SKATING 1,200. A TYPICAL WEEK DURING THE BUSY SEASON RECORDS 81 EVENTS WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 2,250.

FROM THE INCOME SOURCES OF MEMBERSHIPS, OF WHICH THE FEE IS ONLY NOMINAL, BADMINTON, TENNIS AND SKATING, ABOUT HALF THE AMOUNT OF THE OPERATING BUDGET IS SECURED. DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, THROUGH THE SPECIAL EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GROUPS, A SUM OF $500.00 WAS RAISED BY MEANS OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

VERY CORDIAL RELATIONSHIPS HAVE CONTINUED WITH NUMEROUS COMMUNITY AGENCIES, FOREMOST AMONG WHICH ARE THE CHURCHES AND THE SCHOOLS. THE SECRETARY HAS CONDUCTED SERVICES OF WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING GTOUPS, CONFERENCES, RETREATS, ADDRESSES TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLIES, AND HAS RESPONDED WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO ANY REQUESTS FOR RELIGIOUS OF RECREATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

THE SCHOOLS AND THE ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN MUTUALLY HELPFUL IN THE EXCHANGE OF EQUIPMENT AND IN OTHER WAYS. THE SECRETARY HAS WORKED IN CO-OPERATION WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN DEALING WITH BOY PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY. A VERY STRONG HI-Y CLUB IS CONDUCTED IN THE WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL, TO THE GREAT SATISFACTION OF ALL CONCERNED.

FRIENDLY CONTACTS WITH THE FILM EXCHANGES, WHO OCCUPY ADJACENT PROPERTY, HAVE RESULTED IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION ON MATTERS OF YOUTH WELFARE.

CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF FAMILY WORK IN THE FUTURE IS EVER PRESENT AND A MOST COMPLETE ESTIMATE OF THE WORK ALREADY BEING DONE IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS IN THIS CONNECTION WILL BE MADE BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED. HOWEVER, IT IS WELL TO POINT OUT THAT ALREADY LARGE NUMBERS OF GIRLS, YOUNG LADIES AND WOMEN ARE TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES.

GIFTS OF BOOKS, FURNITURE, TROPHIES, MAGAZINES, ETC., FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED, AS WELL AS THE INTEREST AND SERVICE OF ALL THOSE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE THE PAST YEAR A SUCCESS.

OBITUARY:

WE ARE SORRY TO RECORD THE REMOVAL BY DEATH OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

JUDGE J.S. ARCHIBALD.
MISS M.I. ALLAN.
DR. A.D. BLACKADER.
MRS. D.A. BUDGE.
W.A. CHEESBROUGH.
A.B. COLVILLE, K.C.
HON. NATHANIEL CURRY.
GEO. G. CUTTLE.
E.A. CUNNINGHAM.
HON. GEO. G. FOSTER.
CHAS. T. HARE.
W.S. JONES.
W.S. JOPLING.
H.J.J. MCKEON.
J.T. MCCALL.
W.S. MCLENNAN.
C.E. NEILL.
A.B. PARKER.
E. ROBERTS.
DR. JAS. M. SHAW.
JAS. G. SHEARER.
MRS. LORNE C. WEBSTER.

APPRECIATION:

THERE ARE MANY FACTORS WHICH COMBINE TO MAKE A POSSIBLE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK IN THE Y.M.C.A. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY OF THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES; TO THE WORKERS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OTHER CAMPAIGNS; TO MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THEIR FREQUENT COUNSEL, GUIDANCE AND SERVICE; TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE SERVED AS FRIENDLY COUNSELLORS OF CLUBS; INTERVIEWERS; SPEAKERS; TEACHERS; INTERPRETERS; MINISTERS; TO THE PRESS; THE MEMBERS OF THE LEADERS' CORPS; THE STAFF; TO THE CHURCHES; THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES; THE PROTESTANT BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS; RAILROAD AND OTHER CORPORATIONS: PARKS AND PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION: AND YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, AND MANY OTHER CO-OPERATING AGENCIES. ABOVE ALL WE ARE IN HUMILITY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSING AND POWER.

CONCLUSION:

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, IT IS OUR RIGHT AND DUTY TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR. WE SHOULD AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS AN ASSOCIATION, LET THE LORD FREE US FOREVER FROM THAT DREAD WHICH REGARDS WITH APPREHENSION THE EVENTS OF DAILY EXPERIENCE, AND FROM THAT HAUNTING SENSE OF POSSIBLE FAILURE WHICH ROBS THE SOUL OF POWER. THERE IS SOMETHING INSPIRING IN THE WAY OUR LORD MOVED AMID HIS CIRCUMSTANCES -- SO UNAFRAID, SO STEADY IN HIS STEP, SO CALM AND SANE.

THERE IS AN ATTITUDE OF PROPER FORETHOUGHT WHICH IS TO BE COMMENDED. BUT THAT SPIRIT WHICH DEVELOPS WORRY AND WEAKNESS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE WHICH MUST PERVADE THE TRUE CHRISTIAN INDIVIDUAL OR ASSOCIATION.

LIFE, I REPEAT, IS THE ENERGY OF LOVE,
DIVINE OR HUMAN; EXERCISED IN PAIN,
IN STRIFE, OR TRIBULATION, AND ORDAINED,
IF SO APPROVED AND SATISFIED, TO PASS
THROUGH SHADES AND SILENT REST, TO ENDLESS JOY.

- ROBERT BROWNING -

(A DEATH IN THE DESERT.")

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

J.W. BEATON

GENERAL SECRETARY.